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San Francisco Opens First Class LGBT Community Center

The San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center

will be home to a dynamic range of organizations and activities that support the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) individuals of every race, gender, age, sexuality, and socio-economic status. The Center will support activities that foster a positive sense of identity, purpose, social support and well being among people and organizations. The Center will promote activities that further define and advance the political, social and cultural agenda of the LGBT community.

A mix of low-rent meeting rooms, large assembly spaces, performance venues, exhibition areas, and non-profit offices provide a permanent physical location for LGBT people to showcase their history and build their future together. In this way, The Center is one generation's legacy to the next.

The Center has a highly visible and accessible signature location at Market and Octavia Streets (1800 Market Street). The primary goals and programs of The Center are to provide: affordable office space to emerging or small non-profits; affordable meeting and events space to LGBT groups; educational and job training opportunities to youth and low-income LGBT people; showcase the art, culture and political thoughts of the LGBT community; and provide a space where LGBT people can be actively engaged in discussions about the needs, issues and opportunities facing the community.

Check out their website at: ww.sfcenter.org. Our sister organization, BACW, has a suite in this wonderful new facility.

Invitation to SACWN General Meeting

We will be having a General Meeting followed by a Steering Committee meeting on the first Thursday in June (June 6), the second Thursday in July (July 11), and the first Thursday in August (August 1). We meet at the Lambda Center which is at 1927 L St. Our meetings start at 7 PM. Come and find out what's going on and add your ideas and input to help our organization become stronger and continue to be a reflection of our members.

Your input is important to us. Bring your ideas and suggestions. If you want to have some input but can't be at the meetings, send an Email to SACWN1@aol.com with your ideas.

To our dear Betty and Dot

Words-words--What words are there to describe how much you mean to all at TOP 10? Your welcome to all - the wonderful Potlucks at your home - the "Family" Christmas Parties. So very much you both have done. All we can do is to thank you from our hearts. To let both of you know how much you are loved and appreciated.

Greatest Affection,
All of us at TOP 10

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THE SACWN MISSION

SACWN's mission is to provide lesbians with social activities in a safe environment, a supportive network, and resources to link our diverse community.

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SACWN NEWSLETTER POLICY

This newsletter is entirely dependent on volunteers.

In order to be included n the next newsletter, material must arrive in our mailbox or at my e-mail address by the tenth of the month (sharonju@earthlink.net). We encourage submissions (e.g. Letters to the Editor, news items, photos, etc.) Please type submissions and include your name and phone number for verification. Submissions by email are especially encouraged.

FREE ADS: This section is for selling things of a personal nature, advertising for a roommate or finding a lost love. These ads are FREE to SACWN members who are advertising for personal use (no business advertising this section).

BUSINESS ADS: Camera-ready ads are $60 per business card size ad. Ads must be prepaid. Ads are on a 12-month/six issues per year basis. For more info, please contact Sharon at 916-487-9851.

CONFIDENTIALITY: SACWN takes the following precautions to insure the privacy of its memebers:

1. The mailing list is never sold or lent to anyone-be they other women's groups or inquiring lesbians.

2. The newsletter is always sent first class, rather than at the cheaper bulk rate.

3. Each newsletters is addressed to a specific subscriber, not "resident" or "household".

4. Newsletters are not sent to individual men.

~~Women wo want to participate in the operation of SACWN are encouraged

Special Thanks....

to all of the Special Interest Group (SIG) leaders who spend their time and put much effort into bringing together the women who have similar interests. It is partially due to the dedicated of these SIG leaders that SACWN can flourish and continue to fulfill our mission.

National Center for Lesbian Rights

NCLR is a national legal resource center with a primary commitment to advancing the rights and safety of lesbians and their families through a program of litigation, public policy advocacy, free legal advice and counseling, and public education. In addition, NCLR provides representation and resources to gay men, and bisexual and transgendered individuals on key issues that also significantly advance lesbian rights.

You are cordially invited to the SACWN July 26 Social

(Social as defined in the dictionary: affording occasion for agreeable conversation and friendliness)

There will be ***no*** music, but plenty of good conversation, networking, and friends - both old and new.

Come by Grapes (11th & I st)
5:30 pm – 8pm
(We will be up stairs in a private room)
No host bar
Hors d'oeuvres provided.
Dinner can be had until 9:30pm
For more information:
call 451-8034

SACWN members only

CAMP OUT

Friday, July 19th thru
Sunday, July 21st At
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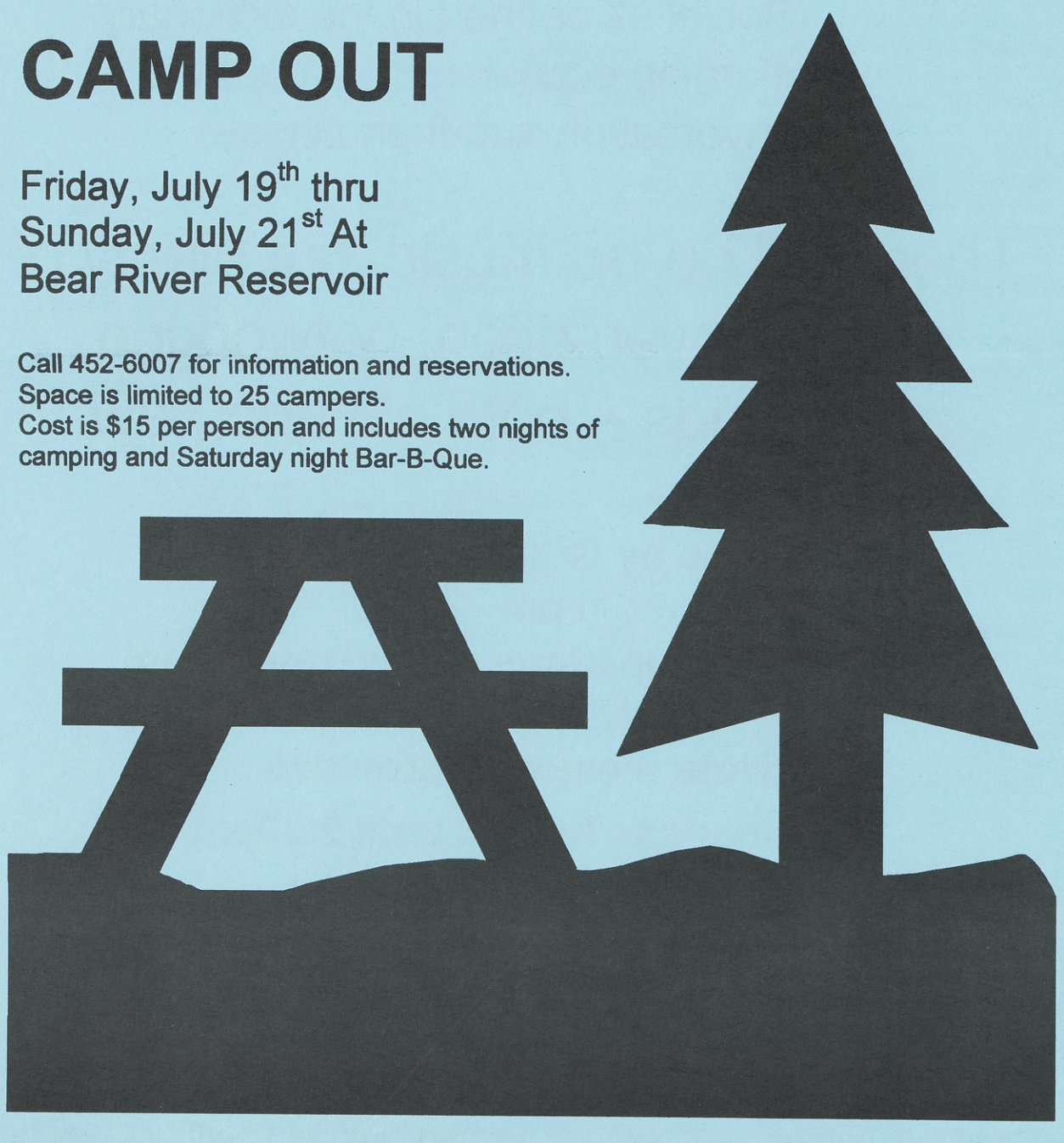


Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Bulletin

SACWN's SIGs are small, friendly groups of women who get togeher monthly (if not more often) to share activities of mutual interest. New memebers are always welcomed, so we encourage you to call the contact person listed to find out what activities are being planned.

If you are interested in forming a Special Interest Group (SIG), pleast contact Linda at 456-4859 with your ideas. You could share a favorite hobby or interest with other women.

Rainbow Campers

Join SACWN's Rainbow Campers for a weekend of camaraderie! RV, tent and car campers are welcome. To attend a Rainbow Campers' event, call the RV park at the number provided to make your own reservations. Many parks fill up months in advance so make your reservations early! Then, contact the Wagon Master listed under the trip to let them know ou are planning to attend. Then, they can greet you, share information about the Saturday night potluck and let you know about any activities that may be planned for that weekend.

Upcoming Events:

June 14-16 will be at the 49er Trailer Village in Plymouth. Good area for Daylilies and a wine limo ride. Phone: (800) 339-6981. Wagon Master is Mia (916) 630-0454. Recommended sites: #252-266 (Mia #258, Mary #260, Joyce #262)

July 19-21 will be at Tahoe Valley RV (Area A). Good area for lake recreations and biking. Phone: (530) 541-2222 X 16. Wagon Master: Karen (916) 927-7627. Recommended sites: Full hook-ups: #311, 314,318,323. Water & electricity only: #325, 327, 329, 334. (Mia #321, Joyce #309, Mary #307, Joyce W. #305)

August 23-25 will be at Bodega Bay RV Park. Seafood Festival will be going on. Phone: (800) 201-6864. Wagon Master: Joyce (916) 987-1069. Recommended sites: Back in: 6-11 Pull through 21-23. (Mia #24, Barb #23, Barbara #35)

September 20-22 will be at Marina Dunes RV (Monterey) Phone: (831) 384-6914. Monterey Aquarium and and biking are there for your enjoyment. Wagon Master: Mia (916) 630-0454. Recommended sites: #1-10 or #50-62.

October 18-20 will be at Coloma Resort. Gold Country Tour is available. Phone: (800) 238-2298. Wagon Master: Mary (916) 723-5269. Recommended sites: #62-70.

Newcomers

Are you new to SACWN, new to the area or just want to meet new people? Then the Newcomers Group is is for you! We are presently looking for a coordinator for this group. If you are interested, call Linda at 456-4859.

Charitable Women

CW brings women together to do charitable works for the community.
Please call Chris at 485-8451 for details.

Top 10

Top 10 is a group of women over fifty and women who love women over fifty. Each month we get together for a meal at a local restaurant or for special at-home potlucks.

June 23, Sunday, Brunch at a local restaurant. For more information call Dee at 443-2377

July 21, Sunday, Ice-cream Social at someone's home. For more information call Dot and Betty at 456-2577.

Half-Fast Hiking Group

This is a well-organized, friendly group of serious hikers who know how to have fun. We are in our sixth successful year of day-hiking with hikes scheduled once per month all year long. We walk at a comfortable pace and usually average about five miles round trip on hikes that are rated "easy" to "moderate".
All newcomers will receive a warm welcome! Please join us for the time of your life! Call for a calendar of this year's events and an information sheet. Call Marta at 456-9312.

SIGS +

Fool House Poker Group

Feeling lucky? Then join us for a friendly game of poker the 2nd Friday of every month. Novice players welcome. I guarantee you'll have a good time. For game time and location, call Gretchen 916-922-6287 or Mary 916-723-5269.

Garden Club

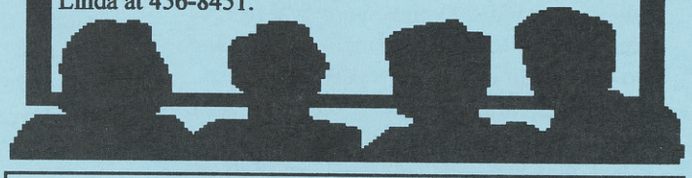
The Garden Club shares information, plantings, takes landscape tours, and much more. If you're interested, please e-mail Glenda at gpfgarden@cs.com or call her at 916-454-0246. Spring has sprung. Come and share.

Women's Music

Are you interesed in women's music? Do you want to support women musicians that have been involved in the women's movement for many years while having a good time? We will be going to live performances of women's music in Northern California. All are welcome to join us and enjoy the pleasures that listening to great music can bring. If you are interested in joining us or if you just want to know what performances are coming up, call Pat: 916-363-7535. Make sure you ask for Pat, please! You can also e-mail me at pwood314@yahoo.com.

Women Writers Group

Are you a writer or potential writer and interested in networking with other writers? In this group, writers can support each other and share their work. Let's get together and talk. We need a group leader. If you're interested in being in this group or being a leader, call Linda at 456-8451.



Arts and Entertainment

From local activities such as the Second Saturday Art Walk to a show in the Bay Area, we have a variety of entertainment we hav previously enjoyed. It's great fun and you can meet old friends perhaps meet a new friend. If you are interested in participating in or coordinating events, contact Sharon at 916-498-9851. Or have the latest updates sent to you by Email. Just send your Email address to sharonju@earthlink.net and indicate your desire to be on the A&E Email list.

Non-Jock Sports Group

Looking for flag football players and cheerleaders? Unable to run, throw a football, or tie your shoe? That's what we're looking for!
Call Chris at 451-8451.

Single's Group

We are a friendly and lively group of women who just love to have fun and hope you will join us.

If you or someone you know is interested in coordinating the Single's Group, please contact Linda at 456-4859. She is the Special Interest Groups Coordinator.

Grieving Group

Has someone special died and passed on from your life? Do you need an empathetic group with whom you can express your feelings? This group is specifically for you.

Call Diana for more information - 428-0290.

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SACWN Calendar and More

These dates are not completely firm yet. Watch future newsletters for more specific information.

June 15 - Freedom Fair - Come visit the SACWN Booth

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July 19, 20 and 21 - Camping at Bear River

July 26 - Social at Grapes

August 3 - SACWN Tailgate Party
Ticha Peinchiero BobbleHeads being given away.

August 11 - SACWN's Family Day at the Lake
Come to Folsom Lake - Open to everyone

September 1 - Rainbow Fair - Come visit the SACWN Booth

October 5 - Bus Trip to Tahoe

October 16 - Halloween Dance

December 6 - Holiday Social

Evelyn Dennis
in her debut in a one-woman show -
Alegria (Joy)

On Thursday, June 20th at 7 p.m Evelyn will be celebrating her 65th birthday at Club 21 (1119 21st Street). She wanted to do something challenging, exciting and maybe even a little dangerous to commemorate this milestone. However, being the daredevil that she is, Evelyn chose the most difficult one of all - performing in public! Join her as she celebrates life and the magic of cabaret. Your presence is the only gift desired!

NEW!

SACWN Business Group Forming...

If you,
have been in business for years,
thinking of starting a business,
like to increase your business contacts,
have an invention and need feedback,
looking to make a career change,
want to share experiences
want to reach new goals,
this group may be what you have been looking for!

"I'm not here to make a living,
I'm here to make a difference."
Helice Bridges

Please plan on joining us and help us form and determine the direction of this new and exciting group for women. Information please call Kelli @ 284-8519.

Seminars for Women

Doesn't that sound great?! If you are a person who would like to give a seminar that our women would be interested in, or if you know someone who gives seminars, contact Kelli at 284-8519 or Email her at kellifoleyremax@aol.com.

Financial knowledge, knowledge of relationships, knowledge about gaining better health, or whatever you have to offer are just a few topics with good potential.

Help us all by bringing more power and knowledge into our lives by offering a seminar to all the SACWN women. Advertise it in our newsletter at no charge for the first seminar.

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A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND THAT

Day or Night
(From TAKING FLIGHT by Anthony deMello)

A Guru asked his disciples how they could tell when the night had ended and the day began.
One said, "When you see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it is a cow or a horse."
"No," said the Guru.
"When you look at a tree in the distance and can tell if it is a neem tree or a mango tree."
"Wrong again," said the Guru.
"Well, then, what is it?" asked his disciples.
"When you look into the face of any man and recognize your brother in him; when you look into the face of any woman and recognize in her your sister.

If you cannot do this, no matter what time it is by the sun it is still night."

SACWN Beat LA Tailgate Party

August 3rd at 11:30 am in the Northwest Parking Lot.
Join SACWN to support and cheer the Monarchs to victory against the LA Sparks. Come to the SACWN Tailgate Party.
Let's get fired up to help support the Monarchs.

Game starts at 1:00 pm and is televised. Tailgate party will include free food and drinks hosted by Camille Wotaziak of Merrill Lynch. By coming to the Tailgate party, you'll also be at the game early; then you can pick up your **Free Ticha Peincheiro Bobblehead** that day.

If you are not a season ticket holder, SACWN has 30 reserved preferred seating tickets near the Monarch Bench section. Buy them NOW!

SACWN Preferred Seating Tickets
Monarchs against the LA Sparks Game.
Ticket Price: $18.00
Deadline to purchase is July 12th.
Call Linda for purchasing information: 456-4859.

An article by Debbie.

The events of September 11, 2001 changed all our lives forever, in subtle ways as well as the obvious ones. However, the greatest threat posed by terrorist acts lies not in the physical manifestations of the terrorists' actions but in the *other* potential damage. The fact that the terrorists involved on September 11th were all of Middle Eastern descent has been emphasized by all of the large media companies in the ongoing news broadcasts, sometimes, it seems, to the virtual exclusion of all else.

Unfortunately, this racial commonality has been used as an excuse by some to perpetuate their message of hate. Because of the September 11 atrocities, those in society who harbor ill feelings toward anyone who is not like they are have been given an unprecedented opportunity to be heard and believed. Some people are confusing racism and nationalism with patriotism, resulting in widespread racial profiling under the guise of "waving the flag". Just after the attacks last September, and since, many crimes were and are being committed against people with Middle Eastern-appearing features or Arabic-sounding names; numerous people have reported being in fear for their lives. The current tenseness between Israel and Palestine exacerbates the situation.

Attacks against people of the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender (LGBT) community have been continuing as long as there *has* been a community. As we know, the basis for the attacks has almost always been nothing more than the manifestation of fear – the fear that results from the lack of awareness and understanding. People of color and alternate orientation have a unique opportunity to empathize with those of Middle Eastern descent in their current situation and stand with them against this retaliatory backlash. Hate is hate, regardless of to whom it is directed. Speak out when you are in its presence. As LGBT people – and as human beings – we have an obligation to do so.

SACWN'S

Day at the Lake

Folsom Point,

(formerly known as **Dyke 8**)

Sunday, August 11, 2002

11am until 4pm

Mark your calendars, and invite **all** your friends and family, everyone is welcome, to this highly requested play day at the lake. We will have tables and BBQ's reserved, but plan on getting out there early, because the park ***will*** fill up. There is a boat launch, restrooms, shade, sun and the lake. SACWN will provide some drinks. Bring your own food, beverages, chairs, water toys and **sunscreen**!

This event is all about SUMMER FUN!!!!!

Directions: The entrance to the park is off of E. Natomas Street in Folsom, west of Green Valley Rd. Once in the park, follow the paved road to the end look for the SACWN banner. If coming by boat, we will be east of the launch, before Mormon Dam.

For more information: Look in your next newsletter, call Kelli @ 284-8519 or visit our website: www.sacwn.com

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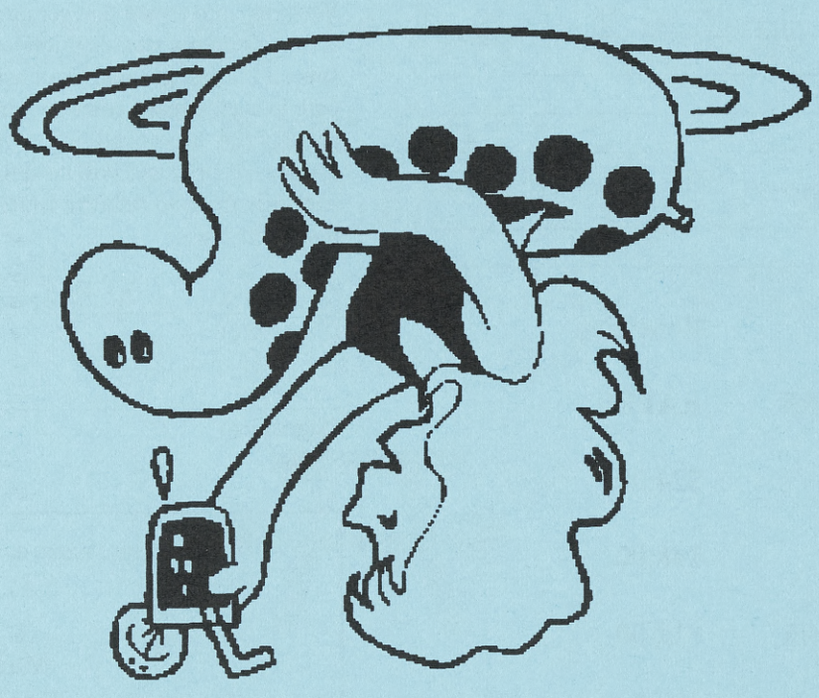

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